Rate Methodology Workgroup

Purpose and Objectives

The Rate Methodology Workgroup will meet from early August until mid-December (at the latest).

Meetings will be convened by Maureen Wu, BHDDH CFO (<u>MWu@bhddh.ri.gov</u>, 462-3100), and staffed by Burns and Associates consultants.

This Workgroup's task is to assist in the drafting of a uniform methodology to calculate payment rates for all services, based upon input from the Service Definition and Assessment Strategy Workgroups, so that payment rates are fair and consistent, throughout the system. Additionally, the Workgroup will use cost and staffing data collected from the service providers.

For the work of this Workgroup to be successful, the methodology must be clear, cover the reasonable costs of providing high quality services within the limits of funding, provide for periodic increases to meet inflation, and be approved by the State and Federal Medicaid agencies.